

a good time to take measures to invite the Representative of Her Majesty to visit this capital. I therefore move, seconded by JOHN LAIRD, Esq.,

That the Council to be elected this day be requested to invite the City Council to co-operate with them in tendering to the Governor-General, Sir John Young, and Lady Young, an invitation to visit the city of Quebec early next summer, and, as a mark of respect to His Excellency, the Council be authorized to present him with an address on his arrival and tender him a public dinner, or in such other mode as the joint bodies may determine, publicly to demonstrate the arrival in this city of the representative of Her Majesty in this Dominion.

I do not wish to bind people to the notion of a dinner merely, although it is one of the most common and public modes of entertainment. I am sure we can and shall get up a reception that will not be behind that of Montreal. Our young men talk of getting up a regatta, which occasion might be taken advantage of for the benefit of the reception; and with a host of steamers in our port, and various means of amusement, but chief, of all, with willing hearts, I am sure we might give His Excellency such a welcome as he merits, and as would do us credit in the eyes of the whole Dominion. (Applause.)

Mr. SCOTT—Might it not be left to the Board of Trade, exclusively, to manage everything, without any co-operation with the Council. It might be made the entertainment of the merchants and citizens, everybody co-operating in an individual capacity. If the Mayor and Council were invited to take part, the former must take precedence and preside. He (Mr. Scott,) preferred the Board taking the initiative and sole responsibility.

Mr. JOSEPH did not think the compliment would be as great, were it merely a reception by the commercial men, as would be involved in a reception tendered by the whole city. They could not have this, without the Council co-operating. Besides, the first move was made by it, a committee having been named to proceed to Montreal and offer the invitation.

Mr. GARNEAU thought that in acting as Mr. Joseph proposed, we might be presuming a little, as the Council should, perhaps, be allowed to take the initiative. If it acted, the merchants should be ready to co-operate.

Mr. JOSEPH thought his motion the *juste milieu* between the views of the two gentlemen who had just spoken. He believed he had proposed the right course, and had reason to say, the Council would join us in such action as we might take. Ald. Hall could, perhaps, speak on the subject.

Ald. HALL said he was sure the Council had no desire to stand in the way of the Board of Trade. Of course it was the duty of the civic body, as loyal subjects, to present an address to Her Majesty's Representative, and a committee had been named by the Council with that object, of which he was one. They were to have gone to Montreal, but fearing that Quebec

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